

## Randall "Randy" Hall, Jr.

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Randall "Randy" Hall, Jr., 75, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at the Colonial Manor in Groton.

Randall Hall was born April 1, 1922, to Randall and Willa (Dietz) Hall in Groton. He grew up on the family farm and attended Groton schools, graduating from Groton High School in 1939. He was active in band and chorus. He attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, studying electrical engineering. He played in the college band. He returned to Groton and farmed with his father.

He married Helen Mallett on March 11, 1945, in Aberdeen. They farmed near Groton. In 1958, they started a new business in Groton, Randy's TV and Appliance. He also did electrical contracting. They sold the business in 1975, and he was a local representative for the Mallard Seed Co., in Plainview, Minn. After he retired, he spent time restoring and maintaining the historical value of the Hall Farm, where he lived all of his life.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Groton, where he served as choir director from 1958 to 1975, and again from 1980 to 1988. He also served as a trustee and an elder of the church. He was past president of the Groton Kiwanis Club, and was a member of the Aberdeen Elks Lodge and sang with the Elks Chorus for many years, most recently from 1974 to 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Helen, of Groton; one daughter, Gerri (David) Nickels, of Kensington, Md.; and one sister, Barbara Meininger, of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton with the Rev. Gerald Rife officiating. The Presbyterian Church choir, directed by



Marie Sternhagen, sang "God So Loved The World" by John Stainer. Gerri and David Nickels and John Wells of Aberdeen, one of Randy's fellow Elks Chorus members, sang with the choir. A loving tribute was given by Gerri, Randy's daughter, who spoke of her fond memories of him. Ben Anderson and Wayne Quiggle were ushers for the service. Family members in attendance were Helen Hall; Gerri and David Nickels; Joyce Jones (sister-in-law), Sleepy Eye, Minn., and her daughters Connie Kusche, Golden Valley, Minn., and Linda Tangen, Minneapolis, Minn.; Don Hall (cousin), Aberdeen; Eleanor Hall, Aberdeen; Mildred and Ward Sperry, Groton. Casketbearers were Eugene Abeln, Jon Anderson, Jerroll Erdmann, Dennis K. Larson, Edwin Nehls, and Clayton Sternhagen.

Burial was at the Groton Union Cemetery with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton in charge of arrangements.